





Eliz  
177  
8/4/01  
**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RECEIVED**

AUG 03 2001

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

**In re Application of:**

Terry L. Gilton

**Serial No.:** 09/177,814

**Filed:** October 23, 1998

**For:** SEPARATION APPARATUS  
INCLUDING POROUS SILICON COLUMN

**Examiner:** G. Gabel

**Group Art Unit:** 1641

**Attorney Docket No.:** 3530.3US (97-1257)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)) on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

July 26, 2001  
Date of Deposit

*Stacey L. Stamper*  
Signature of registered practitioner or other person having reasonable basis to expect mailing to occur on date of deposit shown pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1)(ii)

Stacey L. Stamper  
Typed/printed name of person whose signature is contained above

**AMENDMENT**

Box Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on May 11, 2001, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on August 11, 2001. As August 11, 2001, falls on a Saturday, a response to the Office Action should be deemed timely if mailed on or before Monday, August 13, 2001. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.